

PURPOSE

This document provides information needed by property owners to properly manage sites where asbestos manufacturing waste is known or suspected to be buried. Many such properties exist in New Hampshire. The largest concentration of confirmed asbestos disposal sites is situated in the Nashua/Hudson area where, over a period of approximately 70 years, asbestos waste from a local manufacturer was used to fill a number of residential, commercial and industrial properties. Asbestos products manufacturing plants also once operated in Tilton and Meredith, New Hampshire.

Because exposure to asbestos poses a risk to human health, there is a need to properly manage properties where asbestos has been disposed. In response to this need, the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES), in cooperation with the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (NHDHHS), has compiled this guide for owners of asbestos disposal sites and others who live, work and recreate at or near asbestos disposal sites. The guide is organized into five major sections, to provide the following information:

- ❖ **SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION**
provides general background information about asbestos, asbestos health hazards, asbestos manufacturing, and asbestos manufacturing waste disposal practices in New Hampshire
- ❖ **SECTION II: SITE IDENTIFICATION**
explains how to recognize asbestos manufacturing waste and identify sites where asbestos manufacturing waste may be located
- ❖ **SECTION III: REMEDIAL MEASURES**
identifies options, criteria and procedures for permanently minimizing the risk of human exposure to asbestos at sites where asbestos manufacturing waste has been disposed
- ❖ **SECTION IV: BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES FOR COVERED ASBESTOS DISPOSAL SITES**
provides recommended practices and procedures for properly managing asbestos disposal sites
- ❖ **SECTION V: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**
identifies additional information sources, including government contacts, regulations, and related information.

The primary objective of this guidance document is to educate and inform persons about asbestos disposal sites, so that they may exercise good judgement in protecting themselves and others from potential asbestos exposure. Although this guidance document provides sufficient information to achieve this objective, it does not contain sufficient detail for the reader to become an expert in the matter of handling asbestos-containing materials. Instead, the reader will learn how to recognize and avoid potential hazards relating to the presence of asbestos, with the understanding that professional assistance is needed in situations that require asbestos-containing materials to be handled or disturbed.

